

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN MEDICINE

POLICY 16-02

(Adopted June 16, 2016)

INTERIM POLICY ON COMPLIANCE WITH
THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE TRAINING REQUIREMENT

Chapter 260 of the Acts of 2014, An Act Relative to Domestic Violence, requires that the Board of Registration in Medicine and other health profession boards develop and administer licensing standards that include education and training on domestic violence and sexual violence by July 1, 2015. On July 2, 2015, the Board adopted Policy 15-04, "Interim Policy on Compliance with the Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence Training Requirement." This policy issued an administrative waiver of the DVSVT requirement for all license applicants applying on July 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015.

On December 3, 2015, the Board adopted Policy 15-07, "Interim Policy on Compliance with the Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence Training Requirement." This policy issued an administrative waiver of the DVSVT requirement for all license applicants applying on January 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016.

The Board of Medicine is in the midst of an Executive Order 562 Regulations Review process that includes a regulation on the DVSVT requirement. In addition, once this regulation is promulgated, the Board will need to change its licensing processes to incorporate the DVSVT requirement. However, the regulation and the corresponding technical changes to the Board's licensing processes will not be in effect by July 1, 2016.

As part of its coordinated plan for the implementation of this statute, the Board adopts the following interim policy, effective immediately:

All applicants for initial full licenses, who file their license applications on July 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016, shall hereby be granted an automatic administrative waiver of the domestic violence and sexual violence training requirement. All full licensees who renew or apply to revive a lapsed license on July 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 shall be granted an automatic administrative waiver of the domestic violence and sexual violence training requirement.

All applicants for initial full licenses who file during this period and all full licensees who apply to renew and all inactive licensees who apply to revive a lapsed license during this period will need to comply with the domestic violence and sexual violence training requirements at their next license renewal.